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**DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT:** According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 2/September, through Sunday, 9/September there were 223 countries active.

Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3C, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0A, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, D6, DL, DU, E4, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S2, S5, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T33, T5, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V4, V5, V6, V7, VE, VK, VK9N, VK9X, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZK1/n, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

\* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

**3W, VIETNAM.** Robert, N4CD, expects to be active in 3W6-land, **October 2-15th**. No call sign was mentioned. Activity will be on 20/15/10 meters and maybe 40 meters (No other bands possible at this time). QSL via N4CD CBA or via overseas bureau.

**6Y, JAMAICA.** Harry/AC8G, Richard/N6NR, ELSIE/N7YX, Ron/WA8LOW and Ron/W8ILC will activate **6Y6L** as a Multi-Multi entry in the **CQ WW SSB Contest, October 27-28th**, from a site near **Montego Bay**. The group plans to have four complete stations with amplifiers and a selection of beams, verticals and dipoles. QSLs go to WA8LOW - SASE preferred. Do not send to the 6Y5 bureau. The group expects to begin limited activity under the operators **home call/6Y5** by late **October 23** using SSB, CW, PSK31 and may include 6

meters. QSL via the appropriate home call. Again, do not send QSLs to the 6Y5 bureau.

**AUGUST DX REPORT.** "August is usually a slow month DX wise and conditions aren't that great, stated Joe." However, Joe, W1JR, will tell you otherwise. Joe states, "Despite the above, I put on a new Yaesu FT-817 just 4 weeks ago and the latest tally is over 158 different DXCC entities and 35 zones (missed zones 3,4, 19, 30 and 38) worked. No help or nets or going from QRO to QRP! The antenna is a Hygain TH-11 up 20 meters. Contacts are split, very close to 50% for CW and SSB with over 90 worked on each mode! Not bad for 4.0 Watts!. DX is still alive and well."

**BACK IN MARTINIQUE (FM5GU/I wrapped up!).** Denis, FM5GU, informs OPDX and its readers that after 5 years of transmissions from Italy where he had to stay for his job, **FM5GU** has now wrapped up his Italian portable station and has returned to Martinique. From Italy he had logged tens of thousands of QSOs, with 227 DXCC countries, most of them barefoot with an incredibly simple station and a "bewitched wire" as antenna. All details on the "bewitched wire", the station in Italy and Martinique, the logs, his contesting and DX schedule, can be found on the Web site: <http://www.qsl.net/fm5gu/> FM5GU wishes to thank all those who gave him a report. All QSLs direct via KU9C.

**BV7, TAIWAN.** NODXA's good friend Holger, DL7IO, informed OPDX that he was in Taiwan for 2 weeks a few weeks go on business. Because of the very short preparation time (received info 3 days before flight) he thought there was no hope to be active from there. Nevertheless, Holger was able to receive a license (TNX to BV5AF). He was able to find some hours of spare time and some BV ops (BV7FO & BV7GA) to operate some radio a little bit as **BV7/DL7IO**. Holger told your editor that he will go to Taiwan again on **September 13th for another 1 or 2 weeks**, and there is a good chance he'll be back on the air again for a few hours during his nights. This time Holger was able to prepare some antennas (40-17m) and will be on CW on the bands around 1400-1800z, if he can (because of QRL). His callsign will be **BV7/DL7IO**, and he will operate from **Kaohsiung** in southern Taiwan. QSL via DL7VRO. PLEASE NOTE: Holger states Taiwan's 30 meter band is from 10130-10150 kHz. So one has to check the upper part of that band. Other suggested frequency ranges to look for him are:

- **17 meters** - 18068-18080.5 and 18110-18112.5 kHz
- **12 meters** - 24890-24902.5 and 24930-24942.5 kHz

**C9, MOZAMBIQUE (IOTA Op).** Babs/DL7AFS, Lot/DJ7ZG, Karl/DL2FAG and Simone/DL8GCS (IV3NVN) will operate between **September 28th and October 13th** from **Inhaca Island (AF-066)**, Mozambique as **C98DC**. The group will be on 160-10 meters, including the WARC bands, using SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31. Two and possibly three stations will be used and when band openings are permitted, also 6 meters will be activated. QSOs with Babs will be specially signed to validate them for the YL-Awards. An online-log will be available after the DXpedition on their homepage. QSL C98DC via DL7AFS (bureau) or direct to: Babs Linge, Eichwaldstr. 86, 34123 Kassel, Germany Their web page for this operation is at: <http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs/index.html>

**D4, CAPE VERDE.** Xara, CT1EKF, has been active on the air with his new callsign **D44TD** and will be there **until September 23rd** (or possibly **October 1st**). Xara mainly likes 6 meters, but he has been active on 17/15/10 meters. Most of the activity seems to be between 1900-2300z, but he has been on as early as 1300z. QSL via CT1EKF.

**DU, PHILLIPINES.** Gerard, F2JD/PY0ZDX/HP1XBI/HK3JBR... etc, has packed his luggage again and has headed to the Phillipines for one year. He hopes to get a permission to operate.

**DX MAGAZINE'S MOST WANTED SURVEY 2001.** Carl, N4AA, editor of QRZ DX, announced this week the annual DX Magazine's Most Wanted Survey is now available on the DX Publishing Web site at: [http://www.dxpub.com/dx\\_survey2001.html](http://www.dxpub.com/dx_survey2001.html) Please be careful when filling in the boxes at the top of the form so your reply will be counted in the proper time-zone/continent. The world-wide results of the 2000 Survey are posted on the web site under "DX News" and the continental/mode breakdown was published in The DX Magazine for January/February and March/April 2001. Carl hopes you will all participate in this survey as it is considered to be the most accurate survey of "Most Wanted."

**E3, ERITREA.** Chris/DL5NAM and Dieter/DF4RD inform OPDX that, "We are going to do it again!" After a very successful trip last year as E30TA they will go again this year as **E30NA** to Eritrea. Last year the two got many E-mails with questions for the low bands and CW, so they will double their team for this year to include Chris/DL5NAM (SSB,RTTY,6m), Dieter/DF4RD (SSB/CW), Wolf/OE2VEL (low bands, SSB/CW) and Falk/DK7YY (low band, CW). The team will start on **October 17th through November 3rd**. The exact QTH has not been determined at the moment, however, they will try to go to the **Dahlak Archipelago IOTA** island group (**AF-038**). The problem at the moment is the power situation on the island and the high cost for shipping to the island. The only location on the island is under construction and should (!) be finished by the end of September. There is no ferry service, so they will have to charter a boat and will need a truck for transport from airport to the port (5 hour trip). If they can't go to the island they will stay again in the capital. The group must again pay 500 (USD) for each license. At the moment they have no big sponsors, as they have been told this is not rare enough. The group is asking the DX community for financial support. Anyone who can help support this operation is asked to please contact team leader Chris, DL5NAM, by E-mail to: [dl5nam@qsl.net](mailto:dl5nam@qsl.net) The emphasis this year will be for more North America, Asia, and the lowbands. A web site for E30NA will be coming soon to: <http://www.qsl.net/e30na/>

**EA6, BALEARIC ISLANDS.** Andree, DL8LAS, will be active from **September 24th through October 8th** from **Menorca** as **EA6/DL8LAS**. Activity will be on CW on 80-10 meters. QSL via Bureau.

**EY10, TAJIKISTAN.** Nodir, EY8MM, reports to watch for these two stations, **EY10S** and **EY10T**, to be active in **September** celebrating the **10th anniversary of Independence for Tajikistan**. According to the cluster networks, most of the activity seems to be on 20/15 meters CW/SSB. QSL via DJ1MM.

**FG, GUADELOUPE.** Robert, N4CD, expects to be active as **FG/N4CD**, **November 15-30th**. His activity will be on all bands, CW and SSB. QSL via N4CD CBA or via overseas bureau.

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA.** Ghis, ON5NT, informed OPDX that he talked to Marcel, ON4QM, on the phone, and he will be on the road again (or we should say on the boat again, hi!). Marcel will be leaving Brussels on September 21st heading for Tahiti, French Polynesia. On this trip he expects to activate some IOTA islands in the Tuamotu Island Group: **Nakupa IOTA OC-094**, **Hao IOTA OC-066**, **Pukapuka IOTA OC-062** and **Hereheretue IOTA OC-052**. Some transportation problems still have to be worked out upon his arrival in Tahiti. He expects to be on **Napuka** on **September 26th**. If he cannot get to Napuka he will go to Hao.

For Hereheretue, confirmation of accomodation and local generator is OK, but he still has a lot of details to work out on how to get to this tiny island. His callsign will be **FO0DEH**, as usual, and QSL via his homecall ON4QM.

**HA, HUNGARY.** James, N1BCL, will be operating as **HA/N1BCL** from **September 18th through October 12th**. Activity will be on SSB, PSK31 and 80-10 meters. QSL to N1BCL.

**HO, PANAMA.** Wil. DJ7AA, informs OPDX that their group will be again active from **September 22nd through October 8th**, which includes the **CQ/RJ RTTY Contest**. They will be active before and after the contest on all modes and bands, also special modes (PSK31 etc) are possible. All RTTY QSLs from the 2000 Contest were mailed last month to the German QSL-Bureau, so they hope everyone get his/her card. There will also be a second station active outside the contest signing **HP1/DL7CM**. QSL HO1A via DL6MYL. QSL HP1/DL7CM via DL7CM.

#### **IOTA NEWS.....**

- **AF-066.** Didier/F6ELE (CN2LE) and Bertrand/F6HKA (CN2KA) will be active from **Mogador Island** only if they receive the landing permission before they leave. The activity dates are **September 15-16th**.
- **AS-NEW.** Alan, BA1DU, and BI4F team leader, reports that the team is making great efforts in order to be active from **Furong Island** which is located in 37 20'E, 119 48'N and belongs to Shandong Province Northwest Group in the IOTA program. Since the Island is used as a military bomb-dropping range, there are a lot of unexplosive bombs on the Island and it is very dangerous. To insure team members' safety, an advance party which consists of Alan/BA1DU, Jerry/BA1FB and Chen/BA1HAM will head to the Island on September 5th, and will search the Island to see if it is safe enough for amateur radio activity. If everything is suitable, the rest of **BI4F** team members will arrive the Island on **September 7th**. They plan to operate **until September 10th**, using three stations and work on CW, SSB and RTTY on normal IOTA frequencies from 40-10 meters bands. QSL via operator's instruction. (Editor's Notes: This operation did start and is active with the new IOTA number **AS-160**.)
- **AS-123.** Erminio/IZ8AJQ and Nando/IT9YRE will be active on SSB and CW from **Bogzak Island** from **September 16-19th**, with callsigns **TA0/IZ8AJQ/P** and **TA0/IT9YRE/P**. QSL cards via homecall.
- **EU-158.** Operators Tiny/ON4CAT, Gulli/TF8GX, Fred/DL8DXL and Norby/LX1NO will be active from **Flatey Island, September 12-19th**. There will be two callsigns aired from the same location using the same equipment: **TF4RX** (operated by Tiny and Gulli), QSL to K1WY or ON4CAT. **TF4/LX9EG** (operated by Fred and Norby), QSL to LX1NO. Their acitivity is planned to take place between 80-10 meters, using SSB and CW, maybe also some digital modes.
- **EU-170.** Tibor, HA3HP, will activate the Island of **Dugi Otok** (CI-018) from **September 8-15th**. He also plans to operate next from the islands of Croatia: **Arta Mala** (CI-003), **Arta Vela** (CI-004), **Murter** (CI-074, No IOTA), **Murvenjak** (CI-075), **Radelj** (CI-097), **Vrgada** (CI-143) and **Zminjak** (CI-153) on **September 16th** (weather permitting).
- **EU-171.** Knud, OZ2ZB, will activate the **Jylland East and Fyn Group** as **OZ2ZB/p**, **September 13-15th**. Other reference numbers are: DIA NJ-002, 003, 004, 007; plus ARLHS - LH Nr. DEN-064, 065, 079, 080, 073. QSL via the Bureau.
- **NA-217.** John, K1FWE, will activate the **Isles of Shoals** (Star Island), **September 15-**

**16th.** Activity will be on 40-10 meters including the WARC bands and on SSB/CW. Look for him on the IOTA QRG. He will use an IC781 with R7000 antenna. QSL via the Bureau.

**J4, CRETE.** Operator Salvatore/IK8UND and Luigi/IK8HCG will be active from IOTA **EU-015** during the **CQWW SSB Contest** next October. Their callsign will be **J49Z**, and they will operate as a Multi/Single/All Bands entry.

**JT, MONGOLIA.** Karl, K4YT/DL4YT, and Ken, K4ZW, will fly to Beijing on September 16th, and then travel to Ulaan Baatar on **September 19th** to install a new Titanex vertical for 80/160m for Chak, JT1CO. They plan to operate with their own callsigns during their visit; **JT1FZW** and **JT1FYT**. QSL to their home callsigns. They plan to be there **until September 28th**. Once they install the new vertical for Chak, they are hoping he will give out more Zone 23s this winter on 80 and 160 meters. Karl states that he worked him (Chak) this past December on 80 meters CW, but it was difficult from Virginia. With the new antenna, many more hams will be able to finish their 5BWAZ this season.

**KH3, JOHNSTON ATOLL (OC-023).** The final countdown has started for the **K3J** operation. Remember to look for Dan/KH6UW (leader), Mike/AL7KC, Bob/W7TSQ and Tom/K7ZZ to be active from here **September 11-18th**. The critical permission letter to visit the island has been received. Some of the equipment has already been shipped to the atoll. The four operators will take three full stations plus a barefoot rig with a six-meter beacon. Operations will be on 160-6 meters including the WARC bands using SSB and CW. There will be two 24-hour stations active with a third as needed. European contacts will be emphasized when band openings permit. Many people contributed to the success of the trip, but special thanks go to Force 12 for antenna support. QSL is via AH6HN. Visit their web site at:  
<http://www.qsl.net/k3j/>

**NP2/WP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS.** Dennis, K7BV, will operate from the **St. Croix** Windwood's WP2Z QTH, **November 21-25th**. His activity will include entering the **CQWW CW Contest** in the Single Band 15 meter category. Look for **NP2/K7BV** to be used during most of the operation. QSL WP2Z and **NP2/K7BV** via Steve KU9C. Also, check out the web page: <http://www.qth.com/Windwood/>

**PJ2, CURACAO (Netherlands Antilles).** Joeke, PA0VDV, will be active again as **PJ2/PA0VDV**, **September 15th through October 12th**. Activity will be CW only on the HF bands. QSL direct (Joeke van der Velde, Delleburen 1, 8421 RP Oldeberkoop, Netherlands) or via the Bureau. Please mention R14 on your card. QSL requests can also be made via E-mail, to: [pa0vdv@planet.nl](mailto:pa0vdv@planet.nl) Please do not send earlier than the second half of October. Answers on E-mail requests go out via the bureau.

## **QSL INFO AND NEWS.....**

- **3Y0C QSL UPDATE.** Mac, WA4FFW, states "that with the help of N4OL and WJ4T, all DX and all Stateside cards have been MAILED as of September 6th, except for the bureau cards. There are several hundred cards, some DX and some U.S., in which one or more QSOs did not appear in the computer log. Before returning those requests as "Not In The Log ", Mac wants to check these against the paper log. He did not want to slow the overall process by doing this as they were processing the other cards. This would



have delayed all the cards. We are working on all those cards presently and are mailing them daily. So we ask that you give us some time to complete. Bureau cards and any further request will be processed immediately following NIL cards. We appreciate everyone's patience while we were processing the cards. We did them as fast as we were capable of and everyone owes N4OL and WJ4T a big thanks for all the hours and effort they put in to make it happen. Without their assistance the cards would have not been out as soon as they were."

- Emir, **9A6AA**, is back home in Zagreb from the Island of Losinj (EU-136, CI-058) after 77 days and 3000 QSOs. Last QSO he made was on September 3rd, 2001. From Losinj Island, he visited the Islands of Lunga (EU-110, CI-059), Sv. Juraj (NO IOTA, CI-115) and Galila (EU-136, CI-020, WLHA-0315). Note: Emir, 9A6AA, is member of IPA (International Police Association) and IOCA Manager.
- Ghis, ON5NT, reports that he is receiving QSLs for a "**9X1A**" who was active mostly in September 2000. He doesn't know anything about this station and apparently he gave a P.O.Box in Kigali. However, Ghis is the only QSL Manager for **9X1A** for the **CQ WPX Contest in May 1995**. This was an operation by Mark, ON4WW (9X4WW).
- **A61AJ** now has a new QSL route. Bernie, W3UR, Editor of "The Daily DX", states: "Due to a lack of time with my family and business I must step down as QSL manager for Ali, A61AJ. Joe Veras, N4QB, will now be handling the QSLing chores. He will have all logs for all QSOs made by A61AJ. Effective today (September 5th), all QSL requests need to go to N4QB. If you have already sent your request to W3UR they will be answered by me. Direct QSLs will go out this month. Bureau cards will go out by the end of the year. Any requests sent to W3UR after today will be forwarded to N4QB. The A61AJ Contest team will be very QRV over the next 3 months. Please help spread the word to your friends, clubs, news letters and magazines of this change." N4QB's address is: Joe Veras, P.O. Box 1041, Birmingham, AL 35201, USA.
- Ron, AC7DX, informs OPDX that he is now the QSL Manager for **LW9DAH**.
- Bert, PA1KW, QSL Manager, reports that the logs for **LX9SW** are now online at: <http://www.qsl.net/pi4zut/lx/lx.htm>
- Alan, VK6CQ (aka VK0LD and VK0MM), reports that following discussions with the ARRL DXCC desk, **VK0LD** eQSL cards are now being personally authenticated for those that require these eQSLs for DXCC purposes. Check out the updated VK0LD web site for more details and to check whether your card has been received and processed. Alan will update the "processed" page each time he posts a batch of cards (about once a week). Use the following web pages for info: <http://www.geocities.com/vk0ld/1.html>  
<http://www.geocities.com/vk0ld/qslinfoX.html>
- Lee, **VP2VE**, informs OPDX that he has a new QSL Manager WA2NHA: Howard Messing, 90 Nellis Dr. Wayne NJ 07470.
- There is special QSL information for sending a card to **YN4SU**. QSL to: Bengt Hallden, Domicilio Conocido, Nueva Guinea (Zelaya Central), Nicaragua (send registered air mail and IRCs are not accepted here).

**T32, EAST KIRIBATI.** Takashi/JR7TEQ, Hiro/JA1PCY and Hiro/JP1TRJ will be active from **Christmas Island, October 1-7th**. Activity will be on 160-6 meters and on SSB/CW/RTTY.

**TA, TURKEY.** Mill, LX1CC, will operate as **YM3CC** (special callsign) from **Izmir (Selcuk-Pamucak)** between **September 15th and October 5th**. He will be active on the HF bands (160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 meters), VHF/UHF bands and the modes SSB, CW and FM. QSL via

LX1CC.

**TG, GUATEMALA.** Toni, EA5RM, Radioaficionados-URE Magazine DX Editor, informs OPDX that the URE's "Radiosolidarity" group has received/confirmed the callsign **TG0R** by the authorities, so all is ready for the Guatemala 2001 expedition. All their equipment has been tested in Spain and everything is working OK. They will be working on the installation of the Emergency Digital Network at the same time that they are doing the DXpedition. All the activities will be jointly done with the Club de Radioaficionados de Guatemala (CRAG). Their activity will take place **September 17-26th**. Operations will be on all the bands from 160-6 meters on SSB,CW and RTTY. QSL via EA4URE. Additional information, including an on-line log, can be found on the Web at: <http://www.ure.es/>

**TI9, COCOS ISLAND.** Henry/TI2HMG along with others to be announced soon, will be active as **TI9M** from **February 4-16th**. The licenses and permits are already secured. Activity will be on 160-6 meters including the WARC bands on CW/SSB/RTTY. An interesting Web site has been set up by Henry with maps, photos and detailed information about the operation and the island itself. We highly recommend a visit to the Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/ti2hmg/cocos.htm>

**W9DXCC.** Just a reminder that the **W9DXCC convention** begins this week on Friday evening September 14th at the Holiday Inn in Rolling Meadows, Illinois - a northwest suburb of Chicago and convenient to O'Hare Airport. Join Carl, N4AA, and the gang at the DX Publications Welcome Reception at 7:30, followed by the Northern Illinois DX Association's hospitality suite at 10 PM. There is a full day of programs on Saturday followed by the traditional Dinner Banquet, including the DXCC countdown and Hog of the Year Award. Banquet speaker Bob Allphin, K4UEE, will review highlights from a career of award winning DXpeditions. Stay late and enjoy the Greater Milwaukee DX Association hospitality suite following the banquet. Details and on-line registration are on the Web at: <http://www.qth.com/w9dxcc/>

**YASME DX PRESS RELEASE (Manchester, Conn., USA, September 4, 2001)....** DXCC Squared the Hard Way! The late Iris Colvin, W6QL, and Lloyd Colvin, W6KG, worked, confirmed, and received DXCC from more than 100 DXCC Countries, operating as a team. This fact has now been established as research continues on biographies of the Colvins. The biographies' author, Jim Cain, K1TN, continues to seek information, photos, and anecdotes on the Colvins and on the early (1950s) Yasme days. He can be reached at [yasmebook@mybizz.net](mailto:yasmebook@mybizz.net). "We've counted DXCCs from 109 DXCC countries so far," Cain said, "not including any of the dozens of DXCCs Lloyd and Iris achieved as individuals from California. Can anyone top this?"

**ZK1, NORTH COOK ISLANDS (Update).** Victor, ZK1CG, informs OPDX that their plans for **Manihiki**, North Cook Islands (**OC-014**), are almost complete; just the food, more fuel and antennas will be shipped sometime within a week. This will complete the shipments of gear and food for the six operators who will to be active in the **CQ WW SSB Contest**. Victor/ZK1CG, Roger/ZK1VVV (W7VV) and their host Tuatai/ZK1MA will fly to Manihiki on **October 18th** to start setting up the antennas and do some testing for 24 hours before the contest. This effort will be the largest with the most antennas set-up for any North Cook operation in history. They want to make sure their score is something for other operators to take notice, and to make sure everyone has a chance to work North Cook on all the bands. They will be on Manihiki for 2

weeks with the main group for the contest, and then they will return to Rarotonga, South Cook (OC-013) for 2 to 3 weeks operating on all bands and modes. Victor reports that this is a costly expedition, so any donations would be a big help to the group. The group has donated to the Island a freezer and stove, plus gear for Tuatai/ZK1MA to be able to operate after the Atoll was hit by a hurricane a few years ago which wiped out his antennas and house. Donations can be sent to Roger, W7VV.

**ZK1, NORTH COOK ISLANDS.** Yuu/JR2KDN and Yasu/JI1NJC will be heading back to **Penrhyn Island (OC-082), October 20th through November 3rd.** They will receive their callsign upon their arrival. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW/SSB/RTTY/SSTV. They will have a beacon on 50.095 MHZ (breakable beacon) and will be listening on 50.145 and UP. Their equipment will be an IC-756PRO, IC-706, kilowatt AMP for HF and 6m, and antennas will be a Triband Yagi, R-7000, 5 element beam (6m) and Dipole/Vertical (160/80m). QSL via JR2KDN.

**ZK1, NORTH COOK ISLANDS.** Mike/KM9D and YL Jan/KF5TUG are now active as **ZK1QMA** and **ZK1TUG**, respectively, from **Penrhyn Atoll (Tongareva Island), IOTA OC-082, until September 16th.** Activity is expected to be on 160-10 meters including the WARC bands. Mike will be working mainly on CW, especially on the lower bands. Jan has been getting busy on SSB on the higher bands, especially on 15/10 meters after 1830z. QSL via OM2SA.

**ZS, SOUTH AFRICA (Radio Ops To Operate From The Hell).** Dennis, ZS4BS, informs OPDX that over the weekend of **September 21-24th**, twelve radio amateurs from the Western Cape will pack their equipment and make their way to "**The Hell**", where a special station will be erected. "The Hell" is also known as Gamkaskloof or Gamka's valley, and is situated in the Swartberg Mountains of the Southern Cape Province. [In the area between 33 deg 28 S, 21 deg 15 E and 33 deg 33 S, 21 deg 42 E.] An application has been made for the callsign **ZS1HEL**, and a special QSL card will be issued for contacts. The team will consist of Rassie/ZS1YT, Bob/ZR1BS, Clyde/ZS1CS, Bud/ZS1B, Johan/ZU1LR, Deon/ZR1DQ, Karl/ZS1KC, Willem/ZR1OR, Johan/ZS1WC, Alexander/ZR1BA, Martin/ZR1MH and Herman/ZS1HZ. It is hoped that many fellow hams will be able to make contact with this station in "The Hell". Information about the operating frequencies, modes and QSL information will be made available during next week.

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